



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: BR Zero Timber Sale, App. No. 30-085039 and Forest Practice Application No. 2811036. Even-aged harvest of 6,405 MBF of timber from 136 acres. Proposal includes 2,787 feet of road construction, 4,542 feet of road reconstruction to be abandoned after use, up to 7,287 feet of temporary road construction to be abandoned if built, and 12,131 feet of existing road to be abandoned.

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Section 12 of Township 33 North, Range 5 East, W.M. and Sections 7, 17 and 18, Township 33 North, Range 6 East, W.M. Proposal is located approximately 17 miles southeast of Sedro-Woolley, in Skagit County, off of Highway 9, Lake Cavanaugh Road, and the Bear Creek Mainline, BR-02 and BR-0204 forest roads.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from March 11, 2010. Comments must be submitted by March 25, 2010.

Responsible official: William J. Wallace

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

Address: 919 North Township Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Date: _____ **Signature:** William Wallace

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

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Streams:

3 type 3 streams with a 143 to 156-foot, no-harvest buffer, except for road right-of-way crossings and 5 type 4 streams with 100-foot, no-harvest buffer, except for road right-of-way crossings.

Forested wetland, greater than 1.0 acre in size, with a 156-foot no-harvest buffer.

Roads:

Exposed soils on cut and fill slopes will be revegetated to lessen sediment impact to streams. 12,131 feet of existing road will be abandoned after completion of use. Up to 7,287 feet of temporary road to be abandoned, if built.

Unstable slopes:

There is one large earth flow that is potentially unstable. The area that is known as Unit 2 was looked at by a Region Geologist. This area was deemed to be stable and was included within the timber sale area. The feature has slopes close to 65%. Although 95% of the area has less than 50% slopes. It has experienced at least one shallow-rapid slope failure in the past. There is a low chance of deliverability.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

A total of 1,137 wildlife trees and green retention trees will be retained. This represents an average of eight trees per acre. Trees are both scattered and clumped throughout the proposed harvest area.

Logging methods:

Proposal will be yarded by cable and ground-based systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.